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NEEDS THE SUPPORT OF  
GOVERNMENT; TRUTH CAN  
STAND BY ITSELF."  
—THOMAS JEFFERSON.

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HEW TO THE LINE.

"THE UNITED STATES SHOULD BE AN  
EXAMPLE IN ALL THAT IS GOOD,  
AND THE LEADING SPIRIT IN EVERY  
MOVEMENT WHICH HAS FOR ITS  
OBJECT THE UPLIFTING OF THE  
HUMAN RACE."  
—WILLIAM J. BRYAN.

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## OUR TICKET FOR 1896.

For President:  
WILLIAM J. BRYAN,  
OF NEBRASKA.  
For Vice-President:  
ARTHUR SEWALL,  
OF MAINE.

### CAN WE MAINTAIN FREE SILVER.

THE question is often asked by honest and intelligent voters, "Can the United States maintain a bimetallic standard?" In fact the issue in the present campaign is on the very lines suggested by the question. Mr. McKinley and his adherents are now insisting that the answer to the inquiry should be, "No," while Mr. Bryan and his followers answer "Yes."

The Republican platform assumes that bimetalism is a good thing, but that we cannot expect to have it except through an international agreement; which means we will never get it, or, if we do, the time will be so far off that the youngest child now living, will never be old enough to witness the "consummation so devoutly to be wished." It means that we will never get the free coinage of silver until all the leading commercial nations of Europe agree to a sort of monetary pentecost, and which they will never do so long as it is to the interest of the money power to perpetuate the gold standard.

The common people of these countries have little or nothing to say about the financial policy of their own countries; they are governed by kings, lords and dukes, who so shape the money matters that they get the greatest benefit, and they get it at the expense of the producer and wage-earner. In this land of ours, where liberty and progress are the pillars of our civilization, the conditions are, or should be different. Here, in Columbia's happy land, the people are supposed to govern, and they are presumed to guard, with a zealous hand, the rights and interests of the common people. Now, it is conceded by all parties, that to have the free coinage of silver with gold at a ratio of 16 to 1 in this country, would be a very desirable condition; but one party says, "Wait until all the commercial nations of Europe agree, and then we can have it," the other party says, "We believe we can have it now, and maintain it by ourselves, and force the other nations to follow our lead."

We are a nation of seventy millions of people; we are in possession of superior natural advantages, in the character of the people, in our natural resources and in our geographical and climatic surroundings, and hence the United States is fully equal in productive capacity and financial power to any 140,000,000 of people that can be grouped together by other nations. What difference will it make to us if England and the other European nations do not consent, but object to us having the bimetallic standard? Is it feared that we would run short of money by the withdrawal of foreign capital? There is no danger on that score as we are one of the greatest gold and silver producers on earth. The foreign countries cannot "boycott" us, for the reason that they must

have our wheat, corn, beef, cotton, and hundreds of other products of the soil, the factory and workshop.

But we are told that all the foreign creditors will demand immediate payment of our obligations, public and private, and thereby crush out our life by lawsuits and foreclosures. Not a bit of danger; because the foreign creditor would have to receive his pay in the legal tender money of the country, either silver or gold, and we certainly could pay them in silver then, easier than we now can in gold; and these money sharks of Europe are too shrewd to force a condition which would depreciate the value of the silver dollar, when this would be the very kind of money they would get on their demands. Would they not rather unite with us to keep silver on a par with gold, so as not to injure their own interests? We think they would.

The very fact that the people of other nations are our creditors, is a strong reason why we can maintain bimetalism in this country. They will never do anything to injure the kind of money with which they may be paid. If a man was to loan his neighbor 1,000 bushels of yellow corn, to be paid back in one or two years, and, on pay-day, if he knew he had to take 1,000 bushels of white corn in payment, he would be a pretty fool to go on the market and try to bear the price of white corn; he would be far more likely to bull the market a few cents. It should be remembered, that we are not indebted to England as a nation, or to any other nation. Whatever we owe, we owe to individuals, and not to any government.

Therefore, we are masters of the situation; and the United States can compel all the other nations of Europe to quietly acquiesce in our action in restoring silver as a money metal, and can also force them to do the same and thus force the bimetallic standard upon the whole world. The only question remaining is, will they do it, and thus use the advantage for the benefit of our people? The result of the election in November will answer the question.

### THE STATE CONVENTION.

THE Democratic State Convention which convened at Provo, on Thursday last, was a mighty gathering of the gallant leaders of the party of Bryan and silver. All through this body of intellectual giants was complete harmony and good feeling, which breathes an air of victory on the whole ticket, and carries an impress that "This is Democracy's year."

On the electoral ticket a composite of all the political elements favoring the election of Mr. Bryan was happily united in the names of R. C. Lund, J. J. Daly, and H. W. Lawrence. These men will cast the electoral vote of Utah without any doubt.

The nomination of Hon. W. H. King for Congress was not unexpected, and was made by acclamation, being another evidence of the unanimity of feeling which prevailed. The Hon. David Evans had been strongly urged before the convention met, for this place on the ticket, but in order to preserve complete harmony, he gracefully withdrew his name, and he will be one of Mr. King's most ardent supporters. We had the honor to dine

with Mr. Evans after the convention adjourned, and we were assured by him that he was perfectly satisfied with the work of the convention. Mr. Evans is in the eye of the Democratic public, and will be sought for in the near future, mark our words. Now that our ticket is placed in the field there remains nothing to be done but to get to work and swell the majority for Bryan, silver, the State ticket, the county and judicial tickets, and every precinct candidate. Look out for a landslide; it's coming boys, sure.

### THE A. LINCOLN REPUBLICAN CLUB.

It appears that at a recent meeting of the above mentioned club, that our distinguished fellow citizen, the Hon. P. W. Nelson, was elected president of the same. Now we have no desire to speak of President Nelson in a derogatory manner, nor of any of the other members of that club, for we honestly believe that he is honest, conscientious and wise, and thoroughly qualified in every respect to serve in that capacity. But we have been informed by a prominent member of our race, to the effect that during the election, which was held two years ago to select delegates to the constitutional convention, that President Nelson procured the names of seventy-five members of our race, and that he called on one of the Democratic candidates, and pledged his word and honor that he and every mother's son-of-a-gun of them would vote the Democratic ticket from top to bottom for twenty-five cents apiece. During the last election we observed our worthy friend hobnobbing with one or two of the Democratic candidates. But we do not mean to infer that President Nelson had an itching desire to obtain any Democratic money. But it looked mighty suspicious to a man up a tree. We sincerely hope that from henceforth the President of the A. Lincoln Republican club will refrain from trying to blow hot and cold at the same time.

We notice that Brother Bill Taylor, of the Plain Double Dealer, is a member of the executive committee. He is the gentleman who was raised up from obscurity a few years ago, and placed in a good paying office by a member of the Democratic party. Which office he continued to fill until he was kicked out on the 14th day of January, 1896, by a high priest of the g. o. p. It is said that the ex-dog catcher is a very prominent candidate for the State Legislature, and some of his friends say that he will be nominated by acclamation. We warn him, however, that he had better beware lest the same fate will fall upon his head that fell upon the illustrious head of Judge R. B. Johnson about one year ago.

It is reported that Senator Arthur Brown will appoint Judge Johnson Attorney General of the United States in case Bill McKinley is elected President of the same. Major General P. H. Robinson, who was a candidate for Speaker of the House of Representatives last winter, is one of the directors, and if the g. o. p. marches on to victory he will receive the appointment as Minister to Africa. P. C. Howell, Esq., is an honorary member of the club. Mr. Howell has worked very hard for the g. o. p. during the past twenty years, and when the Hon.

James Glendinning became Mayor of this beautiful city, Mr. Howell was an applicant for the position which is now held by a gentleman who does not entertain a very high regard for hog meat. We presume that if Napoleon McKinley wins with both hands down, that P. C. Howell will be the next postmaster of this fair city of Zion. Behind the mighty movements of the A. Lincoln club, we see the blood money which has been wrung from the pockets of the poor honest workmen by the hand of Mark Hanna, whose name has become very offensive to the nostrils of all true Americans, and by standing away up on top of the woodpile we can see the fine Italian hands of Senator Arthur Brown, Sir John Dooley, Ex-Governor A. L. Thomas and Old Father Bennett. These gentlemen pay the fiddlers, and the members of the club dance to the music furnished by the big four. But to make a long story short, we believe that the officers of the A. Lincoln club are the representatives of a class of leaders who have been instrumental in retarding the progress of the negro race more than all the other agencies combined.

"Harmony Parsons, of the Republican committee, is yet in doubt as to whether he can spell the name with a big 'H' or with small h."

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### A FIELD DAY FOR DEMOCRACY.

LAST Saturday was a big day for the Democrats of Salt Lake county, being the occasion of the county convention, which met at the Opera Grand, and which was packed from cellar to roof until the chairman's gavel fell for final adjournment.

The most complete harmony and good nature prevailed throughout the entire session, and ended by placing a ticket in the field which is absolutely invincible and will be elected at the polls by a majority of 1,000 and upwards.

The only Fisher Harris in the world was made both temporary and permanent chairman, which was most fortunate for the convention, as but few men in the state could have accomplished the gigantic amount of work before the convention as rapidly and as smoothly as he. His patience, alertness, and his knowledge of parliamentary law made him an ideal presiding officer. A fusion was successfully effected with the Populist party, giving them three legislative places, and one on the board of county commissioners. The ticket is an admirable one, being well balanced as to location, race, sex and creed. The list of nominees will receive appropriate notice in due time through the columns of this paper, but at present we defer any individual mention, as we have not the space this week to devote to the twenty-six names which were virtually introduced to official life by the action of the convention.

The ticket is a good thing, let us all "push it along."

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